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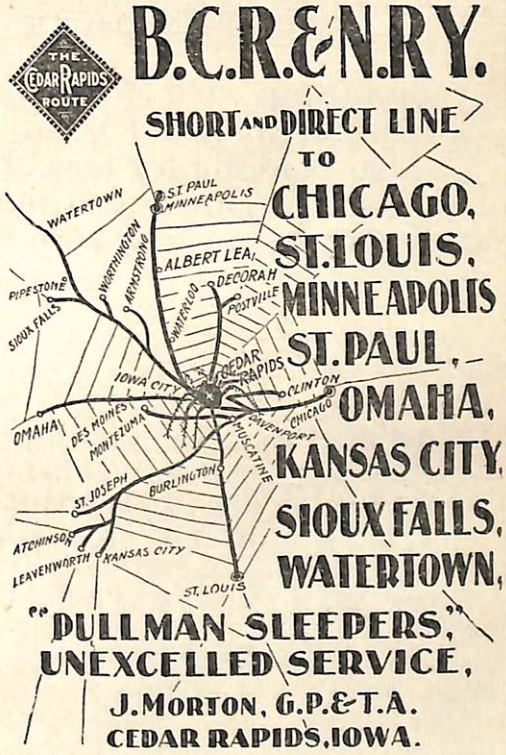

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THE SOCIABLE.

When the brethren are tired out from much work and some worry, and need relaxation, it is worth while to think of the benefit to be derived from the occasional sociable. Few of us know what help there is in two or three good musical selections, and four or five ten minute papers (or better ten fives) on some phase of Masonry. While a cup of coffee and a sandwich go down well ahead of a doughnut or a piece of apple pie, and a dish of ice cream is not to be despised, yet we believe, that to seat the main hall, appoint ushers, have good music and some local or invited speakers, will result in five times the interest and unmeasured good, than the best side degree ever worked.

Brother P. B. Cornwall, of San Francisco is credited with carrying the charter of the first Masonic Lodge started on the Pacific coast for Multonomah Lodge, at Oregon City, Ore., 51 years ago. The lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

SOME OF WILLIAMS.

A little while ago we noted how magnanimously the press opens up its faucets on a man guilty of failure. One C. W. Williams, late of Galesburg and formerly of Independence, is the ornate noodle whom the press calls "an ancient," "trotting horse boomer," etc., etc. The facts are that the town of Independence has one of the finest hotel buildings, an opera house, a street railway and other improvements into which Williams pumped his money; and at Galesburg the only thing they cannot forgive him is the fact that he failed to rush their cold old town into the fast class. Had Williams succeeded he'd have been the prince of good fellows; having failed, he's a sinner.

"TOO MUCH PUBLICITY."

In his address to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Grand Master Owen Scott has this to say of the publicity given through the newspapers of the "transactions of the Lodge":

"The increasing practice of lodges and brethren in publishing the doings of Masonic bodies is an evil. It is not uncommon to find the newspapers announcing the details of Masonic meetings. When they do some Mason divulges the secrets he is bound by his obligations to keep. Not long since a Chicago daily paper published nearly a column of matter pertaining to a Masonic transaction. It could not have done so except on information given by Masons. It did a great injustice to the brethren who were interested in the matter and to the Fraternity. If the brother who gave out the facts could be known, there would be good ground for discipline."

He further cites the case of a bank cashier who answered an inquiry from a business house that the man inquired about had been expelled from a Masonic lodge. Being a member of the lodge and present when the expulsion occurred, he violated his obligation as a Mason, was tried by his lodge and suspended. There is too much publicity given to lodge transactions.—*The Chronicle.*

GET A LIBRARY.

Every lodge should have a library—a collection of books especially devoted to Masonic subjects. How often members of the lodge need to refer to standard works and how few there are can afford to have them in their own private libraries! Masonry is an historic fraternity and its literature

fills many volumes, so that few can possess them; whereas, the combined efforts of the many gathered together in small sums will enable a lodge to purchase and own a library of much value. Some lodges already possess libraries containing a wealth of knowlege and information on many Masonic subjects, and yet they are not complete and are looking for more. The Masonic llbrary of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is known throughout the world as one of the greatest ever gathered, and the Masons of that state take much pride in that fact; yet every lodge can by careful accumulations have small counterparts of this great library. However, some work attaches to the beginning and continuance of efforts to form a library. Had it not been for the early labors of the venerable Parvin the Iowa library would not exist, as it does to-day; are there not Parvins in all lodges who are willing, for the sake of the good to be gained, to make an effort to establish these fountains of wisdom, at least in the city lodges? Let some one brother present this matter in the lodge and start the ball rolling, and then push it to final victory, and there will soon be an apparent increase in the intelligence of the fraternity throughout the land.—*The Chronicle.*

THE LODGES.

There is no Lodge at either Doon or Rock Valley, yet both are good towns above the average.

There is one lodge in Iowa that has a Worshipful Master whom they propose to keep awhile longer in office. That lodge is Trojan 548, and that Master is Brother P. M. Plumb, and the place is Marion.

At Peterson we found the craft in a prosperous condition. Bro. Wier greeted us with his genial smiling face, and we found them comfortably quartered in a good hall.

Grand Secretary Parvin has again issued his "Occasional Bulletin" from the Masonic Library, and the document is reported to be filled with the usual amount of interesting matter that comes from his wide knowledge and ripe experience.

Cherokee is one of the best masonic towns in Northern Central Iowa.

At Laconia they have a successful Masonic Lodge and a membership of the best class of citizens.

At Creston, Masony has taken the front rank for Fraternal efficiency and all the resident bodies are prosperous.

In Rolfe Masonry is moving right along.

Bro. H. Chambers, of Lake View, is making quite a reputation as a speaker on Fraternal subjects. His usefulness should not all get away from Masonry.

The Grand Orient of France (Clandestine) has invaded the jurisdiction of Quebec and the Grand Master has issued the usual warning to the craft.

Past Masters' Night in Garden City is an event we acknowledge the usual invitation for Nov. 24th.

The Occasional Bulletin of the Iowa Masonic Library for December comes to us with the evident character of a quarterly periodical. It is full of good things and welcome.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

OFICIAL NOTICE.

GRAND CHAPTER,

ROYAL ARCH MASGNS OF IOWA.

SIOUX CITY, IA., Nov. 23d, 1897.

To the High Priests and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of Iowa.

COMPANIONS:

On account of a painful and troublesome attack of sciatica, I have deemed it best to spend the winter in a warmer climate, and accordingly will start on my journey at once.

During my absence the duties of the Grand High Priest will be performed by Deputy Grand High Priest, W. F. CLEVELAND, of Harlan, to whom all communications pertaining to the duties of the office should be addressed until my return in the spring, of which due notice will be given.

Fraternally,
W. D. IRVINE,
Grand High Priest.

Dubuque Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

H. P.—J. R. Lindsay,
King—John Kapp.
Scribe—C. W. Walton.
Treas.—R. Herrman.
Sec'y—O. S. Mahon.

At the regular meeting of Damascus Chapter No. 97, R. A. M., Nov. 10th, the following officers were elected:

H. P.—J. R. Smull.
E. K.—C. H. Berner.
E. S.—G. A. Martin.
Treas.—A. H. Savage.
Sec'y—J. A. Gilmore.

The following are the officers of Milton Chaper No. 98, R, A. M., for the year 1898:

H. P.—H. K. Dewey.
E. K.—W. W. Hyzer.
E. S.—F. M. Hopkins.
Treas.—E. L. Bower.
Sec'y—C. M. Young.
C. H.—J. F. Woody.
P. S.—C. W. Hill.
R. A. C.—J. B. Brush.
M. 3d Voll.—C. Reed.
M. 2d V.—C. S. Aldrich.
M. 1st V.—T. E. Daugherty.
Guard—S. Washburn.

Occidental Chapter No. 114, Lemars, elected the following officers:

E. K—Thos. Adamson.
E. S—J. Londie.
Treas—W. G. Bolser.
Sec'y—Jos. Long.

LE MARS. Iowa, Dec. 2, 1897.

Bro. Geiger, Marion, Iowa.

Editor Fez—Dear Sir;—Lemars Chapter, No. 70 O. E. S. gave their members and their families an evening of pleasure at their chapter rooms, Nov. 23d, in the portrayal of the New Woman, or the One Hundredth (Woman) United States Congress 1996—and to say it was enjoyed would be to put it mildly. *It was a roaring success,* continuing up to date, Senators warming to their side of questions as to whether or not the rights of citizenship should again be conferred upon the male population of this beloved country, until some of said males were not sure whether they were at home or in the Senate Chamber, but when all was over and they found their *wives* held the floor they were sure it was all right be where it might. Refreshments and a general good time closed a delightful eve.
More anon. Yours fraternally,

COMMANDERIES.

At Creston we found all the bodies progressive and the Commandery in splendid condition. Their growth has been good from the start.

We acknowledge an invitation for "yourself and lady," to attend a reception tendered to the R. E. Grand Commander, F. H. Loring, by Ascalon Commandery 25, of Waterloo, on Nov. 23d, 1897.

Sac City can boast of P. C., Eminent Phil Schaller, and a Commandery unexcelled anywhere in Iowa. They are Knighting a large number of Companions this month.

The Grand Commander of Iowa recommends the usual Christmas Observance, Dec. 25, at 11 A. M.

"To our most Eminent Grand Master, W. La Rue Thomas: A Faithful Leader: May his days be long, and may the blessings of our Lord and Master follow him all the days of his life."

GRAND MASTERS RESPONSE.

"To all Knights of the Temple: Health and peace: God bless us, everyone."

It was a great pleasure to greet Eminent Sir Knight Stanton of Chariton, not long since in his own town, and to find that he is held in such high esteem by his fratres as to be constantly re-elected to the head of his Commandery.

The crack Commandery of Iowa, all things considered, is at Sac City. Nothing is done by halves, and no Conclave is held where if the women wish, they cannot all attend the praudial features and enjoy themselves in the ample parlors till their Knights come to them.

Siloam Commandery No. 3, K. T., Dubuque, elected the following officers for the coming year:

E. C.—B. F. Parker.
Gen'l—J. R. Lindsay.
C. G.—John Kapp.
Ex. P.—W. P. Allen.
S. W.—E. S. Hyde.
J. W.—C. W. Walton.
Treas.—Paul Kiene,
Sec'y—H. L. Herron.

Officers for 1898 elected by Honorins Commandery No. 8, K. T., stationed at McGregor, Iowa, at a regular Conclave, Nov. 15, 1897.

E. C.—Wm. A. Kregel.
G.—Geo. W. Brenner.
C. G.—Peter Staner.
Prelate—Sumner Miller.
S. W.—H. H. Clark.
J. W.—C. F. Spaulding.
Treas.—M. T. Kennedy.
Recorder—J. L. Hagensick.

Courteously yours,
W. A. KREGEL.

At the regular Conclave of Alhambra Commandery, No. 58, K. T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. C.—A. H. Savage.
G.—P. L. Sever.
C. G.—C. W. Neal.
S. W.—J. R. Smull.
J. W.—Geo. A. Martin.
Treas.—J. R. Dosh.
Rec.—T. E. Crooks.
Prel.— J. R. Bates.

Noble, Jno. W. Geiger—Dear Sir:—I received the cards you sent all O. K., and will seud you a list of the officers elected in Plymouth Commandery, No. 57, Lemars.

E. C.—Thos. Treat.
G.—F. Post.
C. G.—Thos. Adamson.
Prelate—G. E. Ward.
S. W.—Chas. Adamson.
J. W.—E. A. Dolton.
Treas.—W. G. Bolser.
Recorder—Jos. Long.
St. B.—V. Smith.
Swd B.—Geo. Rembe.
W.—E. L. Townsend.
Sen.—D. Padmore.

THE EASTERN STAR.

The little town of Milford, Iowa, has a young and vigorous Chapter.

At Ida Grove we met with frequent kindly allusions to our efficient Brother, the Patron of Marion, Chapter 183, and his estimable wife, the Past Matron of Ida Grove and Marion Chapters. We allude to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hilliard.

Cedar Chapter, No. 184, held its annual election, with the following selections:

Matron—Mrs. M. A. Evans.
Patron—J. H. Helm.
Associate Matron—Mrs. Martha McKinnon.
Conductress—Mrs. Geo. Nyere.
Associate Conductress—Mrs. J. E. Morcombe.
Treasurer—Mrs. Thos. Farmer.
Secretary—A. H. Gough.

Appointed officers will be selected later and installation will occur upon the evening of the fourth Monday in December.

While at Villisca we had the pleasure of dining at the home of Sister Jackson, (Grand Ruth last year) and who with her interesting family are highly thought of in their community.

The elections are on in the Chapters in full force. Choose Well.

There is much rejoicing and a feeling of gratitute among the members of the Eastern Star in Ohio to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons which so magnanimously opened the doors of the lodge-rooms of Ohio to the joint occupancy of Masonic bodies and Chapters of the Eastern Star.—*Chronicle.*

From Cherokee we hear that Mrs. Dr. Sherman was elected Worthy Master and Mrs. Kittie B. Dixon, Associate. Installation Jan. 4th, 1898.

At the regular meeting of the Eastern Star Chapter, Marion, recently held in Masonic hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy matron, Mrs. F. H. Hillard; worthy patron, Dr. Moorhead; associate matron Mrs. G. E. Fullerton; secretary, Mrs. Edna Bell; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Joss; conductress, Mrs. W. F. Fitzgerald, associate conductress, Mrs. Frank Bell.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Members of the Rite should not forget the Reunion booked by the Des Moines Consistory for January 18 to 21, 1898.

Oriental Consistory, Chicago, held their 42d Semi-annual Reunion, Nov. 16 to 18, 1897.

The bodies of the Rite in the Valley of Buffalo, N. Y., have been having work in the various degrees throughout the month of November and are exceedingly prosperous.

There was an interesting meeting of the Supreme Council held in Washington, D. C., during the week beginning October 17, 1897.

The Supreme Council elected over 180 candidates to be Knights Commander of the Court of Honor. Those selected are from twenty-nine states and territories. Others who had the honor conferred upon them, include Captain Andrew G. Hammond, of the United States Navy; Commodore Salvsen, of the Norwegian Navy, and Captain Malmberg, of the Swedish Navy. It was decided to erect a monument in Washington to General Albert Pike, late Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. It will cost $10,000.—*The Chronicle.*

Fees for the Scottish Rite Degree in the Southern Jurisdiction are higher than in the Northern and should be equal. They are from the Fourth Degree to the Thirty-second, inclusive, $200 in the Northern and $330 in the Southern. This will account for the greater growth of the Rite in the Northern. The disparity is still greater in the matter of annual dues.

The Ballustre of the Fifteenth Special Reunion and Reception of Candidates in the Valley of Des Moines is out for1 Tabernacle Grand Lodge of Perfection 14°, Jan. 18, 1898. Emanuel Chapter, Rose Croix 18°, January 19, 1898.

Cyrus Council Knights Kadosh, 30°, January 20, 1898, and Des Moines Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32°, on January 21, 1898; 31° Inspector Inquisitor 10 a. m. and 32° Master of the Royal Secret 2 p. m. The Commander-in-Chief extends to all Masters of the Royal Secret a cordial invitation to remain and attend a banquet at the close of the work on Friday, at which toasts will be offered and responses made by several of the Illustrious brethren.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Thanks for many compliments on our last.

December meetings are general—the annuals.

We have hopes of a permanent pamphlet that size later on.

Lots of meetings in November, to judge by the notices we have received.

Noble Arnold Shanklin sent out a fine notice for the annual of Ararat.

It was our privilege, recently, to take by the hand Noble Alger, of Villisca, a lone El-Kaheran of that oasis.

Algeria made our teeth grit when we rubbed our hands over their sandy notice—one mark for newness in favor of Noble Booker.

The new Summit House, Creston, was formerly opened on this occasion of Kaabas late visit to that city, and it is a fine hotel. Noble Allen runs it.

The Recorder of El-Kalah Temple has just sent us a copy of his Certificates; to show us how they do things out in Utah. Too big, Illustrious Recorder.

Please, Noble Dunholter, what the—— is that thing you work off on us in your notice for November 26th? It does not favor any Syrian we ever met, and we know it can't be borrowed from Sam Briggs' collection.

We have received four copies of the Mysterious Works forwarded to us with the compliments of Cogia Nasr Eddin Effendi, of Cleveland, Ohio. The Representatives of last year have received theirs, no doubt, and we kept one to remember.—*Sam.*

EL KAHIR MEETS.

The annual meeting of El-Kahir Temple was held on December 8th in the Masonic Hall, Cedar Rapids. The attendance was not as large as usual, but a good time was had. Six candidates were conducted across the hot. The recommendations of the officers were concurred in, except that of the Potentate, to prohibit the use in any kind or quantity at any time of intoxicants at our meetings, which was left to the good sense of the officers, and the recommendation of the Recorder for a funeral benefit was laid out DEAD.

A committee was appointed to procure a Past Potentate Jewel for the retiring Potentate, A. D. Brown.

The election was called and resulted as follows: Edwin I. Alderman, Marion, Potentate; C. B. French, Cedar Rapids, Chief Rabban; B. M. Cleveland, Waterloo, Assistant Rabban; William Flanagan, High Priest and Prophet; William N. Dearborn, Stone City, Oriental Guide; James L. Bever, Cedar Rapids, Treasurer; John Wesley Geiger, Marion, Recorder. The Potentate appointed the following officers additional: Ceremonial Masters, John S. Clemmons and C. P. Anderson; Director, A. L. Beardslee, Manchester; Assistant, Henry Erffmeyer, Cedar Rapids; Captain Guard, N. B. Hyatt, Webster City; Outer Guard, Z. Farr, Cedar Rapids; Captain Arab Patrol, A. C. Comstock, Stone City. The following were elected Representatives to the Imperial Council for 1898, at Dallas, Texas: E. I. Alderman, E. A. Leo, G. W. Ball and C. W. Millen.

It was ordered that two meetings be held annually in Cedar Rapids, and that meetings in other cities be restricted in expenses to the amount received for the candidates guaranteed. A delightful Supper banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter at 6 p. m., and the work on the six candidates was well on by eight.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY,.....Washington.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.
W. D. IRVINE....Sioux City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.
F. H. LORING,.....Waterloo.....GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorde

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH...Newton..GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
AUSTIN D. BROWN....Manchester.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.
H. HARDY.....Omaha.....POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

EDITORIAL NOTES

We are with you still.

With more time and a wider range of travel our pages will increase in value.

We want to thank our valued friends among the Masons of Iowa—of all degrees—for their kind interest in our welfare.

We shall soon call off on the Half Rate privilege and would hereby give opportunity to settle up on that basis.

We now have the names of FOUR leading candidates for the office of Grand Master of Iowa next year. Will soon be up to Ontario and some other jurisdictions in Masonic politics.

The editorial sanctum of this journal will now be found at Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street, Marion. Street cars stop at the door, where we'll be glad to welcome callers. Further announcements later.

On Dec. 2d it was our privilege to conduct the ceremonies by which Miss Carrie Louise, daughter of Brother J. C. Davis, of Trojan Lodge, Marion, was united in marriage to Carl T. Reichert, one of Marion's bright young business men.

We were privileged to meet several times Past Grand Master Brown, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and his genial partner, Bro. Eugene Saenger, while in their city last month. Bro. S. is the Recorder of El Kiad Temple of the Mystic Shrine and the Court Printer for the South Dakota Masonic bodies.

A LIE NAILED.

Nobody but a jabbering idiot or a malicious blackmailer would have the gall to write, print, paint, stamp, etc., or tell that we ever tried to get into the shoes of any Grand or Subordinate Masonic officer in Iowa, With the personal knowledge of our loyalty to the person and family of one of them, when vitally threatened and maliciously assailed, can be confirmed at any time. What a blatherskite and liar may choose to have written about our desire to have a certain brother's place cuts no emblem with us, for it is untrue; but unfortunately it has estranged the man and caused him to discriminate in a way that, after our honest devotion to his interests, rests restlessly on us—but it rests. When the time comes—there will be more light.

SOME CHEERFUL LIAR

From Marion, reported to the Associated Press, that the Congregational Church at Marion had refused us letters of dismissal and recommendation. With the letters *in our possession*, we can certainly add it to the other equally false reports sent out by interested parties. Some day we'll be ready to do them justice.

BOOK TABLE.

The Report of Templar Correspondence, Illinois, for 1897, by General Sir John C. Smith, is before us.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., 1897, have come to hand.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1897, have just arrived.

Sir Ben W. Rowell always remembers his old friends, so the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1897, are here.

"The Masonic Chronicle," of Columbus, O., has become the property of the Secret Society Publishing Co., and comes out with its November Number somewhat changed in appearance. It will need to keep-a-movin to improve on the predecessor. This number is a good one.

To the Publisher:

In answer to the many inquiries, the *Midland Monthly's* unvarying net rate to publishers is $1, or 33⅓ per cent. off from our regular rate which is $1.50. You are authorized to offer the *Midland* from November, 1897, to January, 1899—*14 months for $1.50* and *the net rate of $1 to us covers this special offer.* Following is our advance announcement for the December number which may aid you in making mention of the same.

JOHNSON BRIGHAM,
Ed. and Pub. Midland Monthly.

It's a question which contribution to the December *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines) has the strongest drawing power. All who are keeping an eye on Alaska will turn to Forrest Crissey's "Yukon Gold Fields—Their Output and Promise," finding it full of information—and pictures. Others will be drawn to Miss Giltner's "Kentucky in Recent Literature," with its splendid portrait of James Lane Allen. The Life of Grant describes the thwarted conspiracy to take Missouri out of the Union. In January will begin the story af Grant's campaign in the West, bringing it down to where Gen. Porter's book begins. Col. F. D. Grant in a letter to the editor pronounces the *Midland* life of his father, "intensely interesting" and "valuable," and the "most accurate" that has yet appeared. There is a rich Christmas flavor, but not a surfeit of Christmas in the stories. A prize poem, club, notes, home themes, and the first two of a series of "The World's Greatest Paintings" also help to make this last number of the Midland's fourth year a brilliant promise for 1898.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is the Deputy Grand Master Workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and as such is looking for openings to plant lodges of that body everywhere he can; but it does not necessarily prejudice him against the good points of other fraternities. Information will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

The good rule must work outward as well as inward to make a Fraternity a success.

A Degree of Honor lodge A. O. U. W. was organized at Missouri Valley Nov. 4, 1897.

The Loyal A. O. U. W. of Iowa have closed the year 1897 with three less assessments (14) than they had last and nothing hanging over, either.

Some "had better never been born." The fiction of their existence would have been a greater help to humanity than their bodily presence.

When one tries to tell men of the better way—any way—many will scoff—as in the days of Noah—but if by any means a few heed, it is good seed sown.

The process of leveling down the high and lofty selfishness to a fraternal equality, whose creed is God is, we are, and we need each other, is painful and expensive to the ones who have joined the sect of the Pharisees.

Both the poor and the rich are to blame for their distance from each other—the poor for their lack of confidence in the upward push—and the rich for their thought that poverty is an imposition of Providence—instead of the grinding millstones of selfish greed.

While at Villisca, Nov. 30, we met Bro. O. P. Worsley of Red Oak, the Secretary of the Mutual Life Association of Iowa, of which P. G. M., E. C. Blackman is President and Supreme Judges Granger and Deemer are Directors. The plans of the company are a stipulated conditional premium on the basis of fifteenths.

This department has nothing to do outside its limits with our personal opinions in regard to life insurance. It is dedicated to the interests of the needy who cannot afford to help keep up a reserve fund for others, yet who can carry a small amount for the protection of their homes. We are open for correspondence and may enlarge the space to print some of it in the sweet bye and bye.

The arguments of the Old Liners should be as critically consistent in classifying others as they are in regard to themselves. Saltpeter won't save them from the persistent survival of the Fraternal Benefit Societies. Proscription and exorcisms only lead to their change for the better. See?

Why will some of the Benefit Fraternities persist in lying about each other in the field? Such conduct can only bear disappointing fruit to themselves. A liar deputy should be shipped—quick!

Will some one tell us why, if the Fraternal Benefit Orders are doomed to die, the Great New York Life issues a "Special Fraternity Society" policy? Maybe the peripatetic M. P. Baker can enlighten the community if he can quit backbiting long enough to do so Still we bet he don't know any more about that kind of policy than a dead-beat does about paying his honest debts. Hey, brother Baker?

By the time the Adjutants General of Illinois and Iowa (the two I's) get through hearing the evidence of the alleged invasion of Illidois by Iowa arms at Fulton, on the night of August 13, and the penalty for such folly is paid, the Modern Woodmen will have learned a wholesome lesson.

Brother H. C. Sessions, of Sioux Falls, S. D., has our thanks for various favors conferred while we were in his goodly city. We have copies of the Dakota Visitor and The Bulletin, the latter issued by the Supreme Lodge A. O. U. W. Send to him for a copy.

No matter what Order it is, nor how great its membership may be, the moment they allow such nasty work as is being done in some of the Fraternity, it will retard all and finally kill *them*. A few first-class funerals would be a good riddance, too.

No Fraternal Benefit order ought to claim to represent true fraternity if they do not provide for the non-delinquency of members while sick or disabled, if in good standing before the sickness or disability came. In the A. O. U. W. a brother cannot become delinquent as to dues or benefit calls while he is sick or disabled, if he was in good standing prior thereto, no matter how long it continues. That is fraternal protection.—*Red Cross Gazette.*

The Supreme court of Iowa has recently decided that certificates in fraternal insurance orders like the Ancient Order of United Workmen, cannot be assigned. A case was taken up from the Polk district by Mrs. C. D. Crocker in an action against Mrs. Annie Hogan, the beneficiary named in the certificate. She joined her husband in the assignment.

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Yeah! that's the way of it. When a Cleveland minister disguised himself and attended church he found cold shoulder on every one of the religious free church counters. When he had gone the rounds he went into his own pulpit and let them have it hot. Now, won't somebody please attend his church and see how the glad hand shoots out to meet them *there*. "Truth" comments upon the affair by saying, "Somebody must be *sawed* first, and it is as necessary in managing that business as any other, to know which side of your bread is buttered." Yea, verily.

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